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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X ---	US 6,368,851 B1 (BAUMANN et al.) 09 April 2002 (09.04.2002), see entire document.	1-8, 13-15, 17-23, 26, 29, 30
Y		9-12, 16, 24, 25, 27, 28, 31-86
Y	WO 00/20554 A1 (GARMAN et al.) 13 April 2000 (13.04.2000), see entire document.	1-86
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